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DALLAS, TEXAS

MARCH OF DIMES GETS NICE AMOUNT

Funds for the March of Dimes sponsored by PMA in the fight against polio amounted to \$68.50.

Receiving cans were distributed throughout the offices under the direction of John W. Bolish, Chief Personnel Officer.

CIL SEED CROP FOR FOOD SUPPLY

A new oil seed crop for Texas will plan an important role as a supplement for food items states Dr. Earl H. Collister who is in charge of research at Texas Research Foundation in Renner.

Dr. Collister predicts that in the not too distant future many Texas farmers will grow oil seed as a cash crop.

The foundation in the last six years has found sesame, soybeans, and sunflowers as the most promising seed oil producers. All are edible, Dr. Collister said.

Sesame meal, he disclosed, is being used as a supplement to cornmeal and other corn products to correct a dietary deficiency in niacin and to maintain a proper amino acid balance.

SHRUB GROWN IN TEXAS LISTED AS STRATEGIC

Guayule (Gwa-yoo-lay), which grows hip-high in a gray green blanket on limestone tablelands in the Rio Grande region, about two weeks ago was put on Uncle Sam's "No. 1" list of strategic raw materials most vital for national security.

The only neighbors to the strategic plant are sagebrush, mesquite and cactus.

There is a bonanza of bounce in guayule's woody stems and it is the only plant native to the United States, notes the National Geographic Society, which has ever been cultivated in this country as a commercial source of natural rubber.

Guayule was planted in California during World War II in a stretch of 32,000 acres of government land.

Involving a total outlay of more than \$45,000,000 this guayule cultivation program represented the most extensive effort ever made to grow natural rubber here at home.

In chemical composition guayule differs from Para, the rubber of the tropical hevea tree only in a higher resin content. Mixed with a resinless synthetic guayule makes a "batter" matched exactly to the best natural rubber.

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USDA CREDIT UNIONS RUN NECK AND NECK

FDA Federal Credit Union

The FDA Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting with 56 members present in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce Building on January 29th, at which time a dividend of 6% was declared for shareholders.

This dividend is the maximum allowed under the law and a nice reserve is still in the treasury.

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\$50 MILLION IN GRAIN
IS GOING TO INDIA

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India is getting some \$50,000,000 worth of wheat and grain sorghums with government assistance and is seeking Marshall Plan aid for an equal quantity later this year, government officials report.

Although India is supplying most of the money for the current supplies she is obtaining, the Agriculture Department and the Economic Co-Operation Administration (Marshall Plan) are helping pay the bill.

LCA reported that it had allocated \$4,500,000 to India to assist in the purchase of 427,000 tons of grain sorghums. India put up \$13,000,000 from her own treasury to cover the rest of the cost.

India at the same time negotiated the purchase of 200,000 tons of grain sorghums from the Agriculture Department from Government surplus stocks. About half of the grain sorghums have been shipped.

India also is getting approximately 40,000 tons of wheat a month from the Agriculture Department. The Department is planning to use approximately \$3,000,000 in funds derived from customs collections and authorized for use in promoting exports of farm products to help India make these purchases. A food shortage has been caused in India partly by drouth, earthquakes and floods.

India's economy is agricultural but output has changed little in years.

An 85% increase in membership with 137 new members being added was reported.

New Officers

Rector B. Meyer, President; John McCollum, Vice President; W. M. Williams, Treasurer

Other members of the Board of Directors are Otto Beckwith, Harold C. Bryson. Mary Nell Barnes was appointed Assistant Treasurer and Secretary.

Committees

Credit: John C. Ashton, Chairman; R. B. Baird, Raymond Tototo

Supervisory: R. N. Richards, Chairman; Ocie A. Barton, Jr., Juanita Wilcox and Howard Allison

Hilda B. Warren and Jessie O. Boney hold over as members of the Educational Committee.

An interesting booklet entitled "You Be the Judge," which explains the functions of the credit union and answers the usual questions employees need to know concerning the union in a clear and concise manner, was prepared by Fae Ray after consulting with authoritative Neva Russell, Treasurer of the Union for the past 6 years, and distributed to all employees.

FHA DALLAS CREDIT UNION

The annual shareholders meeting of the FHA Dallas Credit Union was held January 26th at 2007 McKinney Avenue.

J. D. Reagan, President of the Board of Directors, gave a brief resume of the growth of the organization since 1948. Reagan pointed out that the net profit for 1949 was more than twice the net profit for 1948. Again in 1950 the net profit was more than twice that of the previous year.

Shareholders voted to pay a 6% dividend for 1950. The dividend in 1949 was 5% and in 1948 it was 3½%.

Directors

The Board of Directors elected for the work of coming year is composed of James E. Viator, Burlin B. Marshall, Houston E. Richey, Dorothy L. May and Thomas J. Wingo.

The Supervisory Committee is composed of A. Rex
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FARMER STATES THAT
CLOVER AND GRASSES
PLOW DEEP FOR HIM

SCS Made Discovery

For a long time, Bernal Hickman of Eastland County has refused to be sold on the value of deep plowing...

When his crops were harvested, it usually wasn't long until his tractor could be seen, circling the field at a high rate of speed.

But if you didn't see it until later, you might not think it had been plowed at all. Because he only scratched the surface deep enough to kill the weeds and Johnson grass.

One of his reasons for doing this was to keep all the trash on top and protect the land. But he had other reasons. When asked about the need for deeper breaking he would shake his head and say, "That's too expensive. I'll let clover and grasses to that for me."

Some of the hired hands have thought he was crazy. Maybe some other people, too. But his yields continued to go up!

The reason was discovered last week, by R. C. Moore and Simon E. Wolfe of the Soil Conservation Service.

In one of Mr. Hickman's fields, they found that they could shove an 18-inch sharp-shooter down to the hilt, with ease, even as dry as it was. This field had been in Madrid clover for three years. They tried the same thing on a neighbor's field, which hadn't been in clover. Result: they broke their sharp-shooter handle!

COTTON GOAL NECESSARY
TO SERVICE OF COUNTRY

Harold A. Young, President of the National Cotton Council, said here that "cotton is second only to steel" as the most vital military material and that cotton growers are going to have to meet the 16,000,000-bale goal this year.

He pointed out that step-ups in defense output have resulted in new requirements for cotton. Mr. Young said that if the nation should become involved in all-out war, "the demand for cotton would be unprecedented. A total of 11,000 items made of cotton are needed by the armed forces. The average fighting man requires 200 pounds of cotton, contrasted to 20 pounds needed annually by civilians."

Young stated, "I want to emphasize the fact that this Council agreed unanimously to the goal of more than 16,000,000 bales of cotton in 1951. Cotton is one industry that is rapidly gearing itself to the service of the country."

He said there would be problems within problems. "Labor and good planting seed will be scarce," he said. "Fertilizer, insecticides, machinery and parts will not be available as needed. Credit also will be a problem," stated Young.

Charles Cannon, chairman of the textile industry mobilization committee, recommended three steps to protect farmers:

1. Insure the farmer an adequate return for his maximum effort and increased expense in what will necessarily be a highcost production year.
2. Assure the farmer an adequate price to protect him in any emergency which would limit his foreign markets.
3. Make available to the farmer the necessary machinery, fertilizer, insecticides, labor and other essentials to accomplish an increase in acreage from 18,000,000 acres in 1950 to 30,000,000 acres in 1951.

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Jasper and Maryella Fleming.

Meetings to organize these two new groups are to be held this week. Shareholders should turn in their passbooks at once so that the 1950 dividend may be posted.

The outgoing Board of Directors is grateful to the shareholders for cooperation and confidence which has made the progress of the Credit Union possible.

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Know Your Coworkers

Miss Anna L. Tydings of Farmers Home Administration State Office has recently been installed as President of the Dallas Toastmistress Club.

Employees have expressed their appreciation of the work done by Neva Russell as Treasurer for the FDA Federal Credit Union during the past six years.

Mrs. Russell has a personality suited to this work and has been most cheerful and helpful to her coworkers. A feeling of inner satisfaction because of a job well done should belong to Mrs. Russell, who is retiring from this work.

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SURPRISE

I always envied the other fellow's job

Thinking his work was real soft and fine

But one day I was surprised to learn

That man had the same opinion of mine.

--William Allen Ward

Guayule, etc., Cont'd.

Guayule was first discovered in Texas in the Big Bend cattle country, when rubber balls were found obstructing the digestive systems of livestock which had suddenly died.

The tiny globules of raw rubber are dispersed through all parts of the bush except the leaves. For processing the plants must be uprooted bodily, crushed and pulverized. Tiny screwtapes of rubber called "worms" then float to the surface of separation tanks.

New hybrid strains of guayule have now been bred by Agriculture scientists. They are expected to yield a third as much rubber as the best World War II varieties. Seeds and seedlings of these new plants are being grown and gathered at top speed for the national stockpile.

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Austin and Johnson City, as head of the new Senate Preparedness Committee recently urged immediate revival of this guayule program.

Planted where little else can grow without extensive irrigation, as on Western Texas arid plains, the bouncy bush will hold down dusty soil, shelter jack rabbits and coyotes, and prove a natural rubber reserve in case of national emergency.

USDA EMPS WILL HAVE
NEW GUARDIAN LIFE REP

Jacque Gallion, Special Representative of, the Guardian International Life Insurance Co. has been promoted to Branch Manager and will be located in Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Ralph Abel will sell and service the USDA group in Mr. Gallion's place. Abel has had extensive experience in life insurance and group hospitalization including both army and civilian.

It will be appreciated if the policy holders will make themselves known to Mr. Abel to enable him to render more efficient service to

you and your families.

Mr. Gallion states, "I wish to thank all the people who have been so helpful to me and I would personally appreciate any help that would be given to Mr. Abel." Contact Mr. Abel at RI 6843. Leave a message if he is out.

CONFUSED

Naomi Richey telephoned her bank to arrange for cashing a bond. "Is the bond for redemption or conversion?" asked the banker.

There was a long pause, then Naomi asked in a small voice: "Am I talking to the First National Bank or to the First Methodist Church?"